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1. On 25 April a surprise raid was executed by the combined services of the CID and the Provost Marshal of the Vienna Area Command and of USFA Headquarters in conjunction with the economic section of the Vienna State Police on all the DP camps supervised by the Joint Distribution Committee and the local League of Former Jewish Concentration Camp Inmates.

2. This raid was no surprise to CONDUCTOR who had one of his men look through all his files and remove those papers which might have become evidence of his intelligence activities. Object of the raid was to investigate whether any inmates of the Jewish DP camps had any black market dealings, whether anyone was in possession of foreign currency or whether there were any unauthorized US Army rations, clothing or equipment.

3. The raid on Frankgasse 2, Vienna, disclosed a certain amount of Army rations, clothing and food which could later be justified by Mr. SILVER the new head of the Joint organization in Austria. A certain number of persons were arrested but were freed 24 hours later. One person, Stefan JANECEK, was kept in custody because he was suspected of being the owner of a 22 caliber Polish Duo pistol and of a small box of ammunition. CONDUCTOR pointed out that the man was a former NKVD Captain and a Major in the Polish Security troops (Lublin). As he seemed a sufficiently interesting subject for interrogation, the man was taken into custody by DD 110 and interrogated. See LUX 231.

4. Among the papers and objects seized in CONDUCTOR's apartment was the box containing the OSS War Crimes Film mentioned in Salzburg cable #672, and a number of letters. One of the letters is being translated and forms the subject of LUX 229. The CID also found a number of forged Displaced Persons border crossing permits stamped with a false rubber stamp supposedly originating from the DP section, VAC. This document is being traced back to CONDUCTOR.

5. Developments connected with CONDUCTOR's activities in Hungary and the many investigations resulting in the raids on CONDUCTOR's DP camps, has prompted him and his chiefs to reorganize the entire workings of the Jewish underground. Until now the making of transports of Jews from the different Balkan countries were easy. Now the Russians have closed the borders. Many of CONDUCTOR's men in Budapest are in jail and even two have been arrested in Vienna for having been in possession of narcotics. His organization has become known to the US military police organization and to the Austrian Police organization. The easy times now being over, he plans to have his entire organization go underground.

6. For this reason the Moving Representative of the Jewish Agency's Political Section, Mr. RUFFER, arrived the day before yesterday from Switzerland and has called a meeting in CONDUCTOR's apartment in order to reorganize the entire network. Together with KOLEK and SCHAECHTER He is an executive

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member of the VAAD HAPOEL (The National Council of Labor). He was, during this war, in charge of Jewish paratroop agents who were dropped by the British ISLD, SOM or A Force in Hungary, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia. He is an old hand at intelligence activities and organizing intelligence nets. After the war he was sent to Europe to collect all evidence concerning the fate of dropped Jewish agents of whom the Jewish Agency had not heard. He also was in charge of debriefing those agents whom he could trace.

7. A short interview with Mr. RUFFER disclosed the following points: that the British Intelligence Services are not using the network of the Jewish Agency in Europe. RUFFER declared that the Liaison man of the ISLD officially gave them notification after the war that under the new conditions no intelligence collaboration could be expected between the British Intelligence Service and the Jewish Agency.

8. The OSS film mentioned in Cable #672 apparently is one which has been made by OSS Middle East out of material supplied by RUFFER to the Branch in Cairo. Most of the documents had been collected previously by CONDUCTOR and sent to RUFFER. OSS then gave a copy of the microfilm to CONDUCTOR. This film will be handed back to CONDUCTOR.

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